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Such multi camera CCTV systems may include tens or even hundreds of cameras. Monitors are installed remote from the cameras and are usually watched by operators in a central control room or monitoring centre.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided: a camera having means for determining whether information detected in its field of view includes a moving object; processing means for determining whether said moving object exceeds a predetermined threshold; and means for transmitting at least a portion of said moving image to a remote location.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Embodiments of the invention will now be described, by way of example only, and with reference to the Figures, in which:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

Figure 1 shows a block diagram of a camera 2, which includes Processing Unit 10 and MPEG 4 encoder 4. An actuator 8 is provided to move camera 2 in a controlled manner, eg, by tilting, panning or zooming. Processing unit 10 is shown in greater detail in Figure 2.